

Cable Management fun!

This was finals week and there was a lot of political nonsense going on, so my time has been at a premium. Thus I decided to skip the more challenging cable management problems in my classroom and instead solve the most urgent.

Toward the front of the classroom is a small table where I keep my overhead projector; it's the only place in the room where I can put it and actually use the projector screen, thanks to a couple of inconvenient posts placed in the room to provide power to listening stations back when it was a foreign language lab. Since there is no good way to reach the table from my Officially Sanctioned teacher computer in the corner of the room, I run everything from my laptop. The projector itself is elevated by a decommissioned transparency projector, which itself has a very long and thick cord which has never been plugged in.

Also, I am a total slob. So the situation in the highly trafficked front of the room typically looks like this:

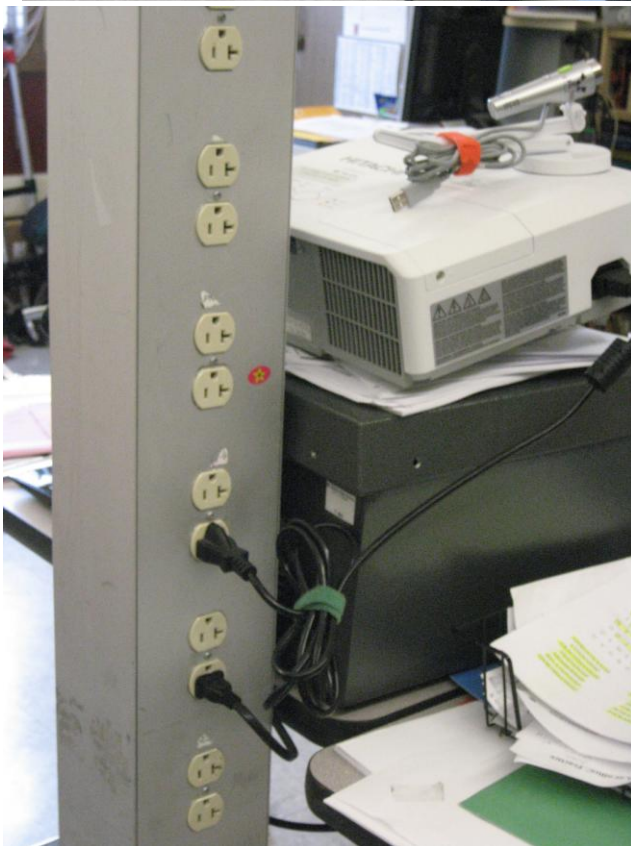


One day recently a typically oblivious student got up to use the restroom, and I discovered she had left this situation behind:



That's my personal laptop's power cord tangled up in her chair, slowly pulling my laptop and document camera off the table. So obviously this location needed straightening out before a student became injured or my stuff got broken. Priorities may vary.

Anyway, following a handful of Velcro cable ties and some strategic threading, here are the after shots:



Voila! Clean floor! Goodbye, OSHA!